

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council and Department Heads met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Percy J. Purnell, Jr., Mayor  
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President  
Raymond D. Anderson, Councilman  
Kimberly B. Lawson, Councilman  
Mike Atkins, Councilman  
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman  
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer  
Robin Cockey, City Solicitor  
Mike Tabor, Chief of Police  
Noah Bradshaw, Inspector  
Michael Sullivan, Attorney

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Richard Crumbacker; Fritz Gerald; Audrey Cornelius; Tracey Gordy; Ella Ward; Greg Cain; Kathleen Garton; David Garton; Pat Reese; Jay Tawes; Eddie Heath; Tillie Doyle; and Deborah Gates.

Mayor Purnell called the meeting to order, opening with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXTRA MILE PROCLAMATION

Mayor Purnell read aloud the Extra Mile Proclamation whereas Crisfield chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who "go the extra mile" in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community. Councilman Lawson made a motion to accept the Proclamation, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PROCLAMATION FOR EMMA DAUGHERTY

Mayor Purnell read aloud a proclamation in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mrs. Emma Daugherty, a resident of the Tawes Nursing Home. Council Vice President Johnson noted that there would be a party at the nursing home tomorrow.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Tracey Gordy, MD Office of Planning and Audrey Cornelius, Somerset County Technical and Community Services, appeared before the Mayor and Council concerning the Septic Tier Map and Septic Bill.

Upon review of the map, several corrections were noted that needed to be included in tier 1, which Ms. Gordy advised could be revised.

Ms. Gordy also advised that the map would have to be included the next time the Comp Plan is revised, at which time a public hearing will have to be held.

Ms. Cornelius also reviewed the mapping for the county.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that he feels that the Governor's office didn't give much consideration to our end of the County.

At this time, Councilman Lawson made a motion to accept Resolution 406 adopting SB236 Growth Tier Map, with revisions, for the City of Crisfield. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Councilman Lawson commended Ms. Gordy on all of her hard work.

Greg Cain, Somerset County Tourism, and Jay Tawes, appeared before the Mayor and City Council to present a proposed Visitor's Guide and Welcome Package. Mr. Cain advised that plans are to print books and tri-folds as a unified marketing effort. He advised that the cost would be \$10K and

they are asking for \$2500 from the City with a match from the Chamber. Mayor Purnell inquired as to when they would need the money. Mr. Cain advised that they would like to print them this winter.

Councilman Lawson inquired as to how often the book would be updated. Mr. Cain advised that it would be updated once email addresses, etc., are obtained.

Mayor Purnell advised that a decision regarding the \$2,500 would be made in the next thirty days.

Mr. Tawes noted that they are planning on raising \$5,000 through advertising.

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to meeting to hold a work session.

Councilman Lawson commented that the books are sorely needed and everyone is pleased with the concept.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Purnell requested approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Approval so moved by Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

CHIEF MICHAEL TABOR presented and reviewed his monthly report, highlighting its contents.

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to the request to the Housing Authority for money for extra patrols. Chief Tabor advised that he had not heard anything yet.

Mayor Purnell advised that he is waiting on a date to meet with the Housing Authority.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that the Housing Authority is a Federal program and the Chief and the Mayor have attempted to set up a meeting several times. He urged the Housing Authority

to meet with the Mayor and Council.

JOYCE L. MORGAN, CLERK-TREASURER, presented the financial report of income for the first quarter.

Mayor Purnell advised that he would like the Council to look at water and sewer rates in the next two months to be able to bill by the gallon in January.

Councilman Lawson commended Public Works and Public Utilities for their work on the repair of the Norris Harbor Drive drain pipe collapse.

NOAH BRADSHAW, INSPECTOR, reviewed his monthly activity report, highlighting its contents. Councilman Konapelsky requested that a signage information ordinance be prepared by the next meeting.

Councilman Lawson commented that there were zero building permits and the City needs to come up with incentives to get working people to live here. He advised Mr. Bradshaw to work on a study with Chief Tabor and Chief Clerk Evans.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE- CONTRACT

Mayor Purnell noted that the Police Chief's contract is administered through Charter Amendment Resolution 402.

Councilman Lawson advised that the commencement date period be changed from six years to five, with the commencement date of January 1, 2012, and advised that this is his motion. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to accept the contract with the amendment. Motion seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Purnell requested that Mr. Sullivan, Attorney, review the proposed Ordinance.

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to situations of long term rentals, such as when the Chief rented at the Somers Cove Motel for a year, while his home was being built. Mr. Sullivan advised that there will be collateral damage and you have to consider factoring in a time line.

Councilman Lawson made reference to efficiency units. Mr. Bradshaw advised that this is based on the number of occupants.

Mayor Purnell requested that Council review this Ordinance for 30 days. He advised that this is a move in the right direction and commended Mr. Sullivan on his work on this Ordinance.

EVENT APPLICATIONS

Mayor Purnell made reference to several Event Applications for approval and requested that they be approved contingent upon having the proper liability insurance certificates.

Council Vice President Johnson then made a motion that the Event Applications be approved contingent upon obtaining their insurance riders. Motion seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

PARKING RESOLUTION – SMALL BOAT HARBOR 48 HOUR PARKING

Mr. Bradshaw made reference to a proposed Ordinance for 48 hour parking for boat trailers at the small boat harbor.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that he feels this doesn't come across as friendly and feels that it is ok to park on the wide side of the road.

Councilman Lawson commented that the County gave us the property to maintain and last sum-

mer, two boats were parked in the lot for 8 weeks. He suggested putting a split-rail fence down the back.

Councilman Konapelsky requested that they be careful with signage and doesn't agree with the one area.

Mayor Purnell advised Mr. Bradshaw to make revisions and bring it back in November.

#### BID OPENING – ROOF REPLACEMENT AT CARVEL HALL

Mrs. Morgan opened and read aloud the five bids that were received; Delmarva Coatings \$415K; Kautz Construction - \$429,450; F.A. Taylor & Son - \$462,400; Gillis Gilkerson - \$613,671, and J & R Roofing, Co., \$670,230. Mayor Purnell advised Mr. Bradshaw to review and compare bids to make the award at the November meeting.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS, Q & A

No comments or questions were offered at this time.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Councilman Lawson inquired of Arnold Agello if there is a desire for additional hangar parking at the airport. Mr. Agello advised that there was.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk- Treasurer

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Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary

